

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

17. (New) An image forming method comprising:
receiving an input document on a scanning device, the input document containing an input image and white-space surrounding the input image;
scanning the input image only and not the surrounding white-space;
receiving user data concerning an output document, the user data comprising the number of images to be reproduced on the output document or the size of each image to be reproduced on the output document;
detecting the size of the input image automatically;
enlarging or reducing the input image automatically based upon the user data so that the input image may be reproduced a maximum number of times on the output document; and
reproducing the input image on the output document the maximum number of times via an image forming system.

18. (New) The method defined in claim 17, wherein the image forming system comprises at least one of the following image forming technologies: electrophotographic, electrostatographic, ionographic, acoustic, laser, or ink jet.

19. (New) An image forming system comprising:
an input document containing an input image and white-space surrounding the input image;
a scanner operative to scan the input image only and not the surrounding white-space;
a user interface operative to receive user data concerning an output document, the user data comprising the number of images to be reproduced on the output document or the size of each image to be reproduced on the output

document;

processing means operative to detect the size of the input image automatically and enlarge or reduce the input image automatically based upon the user data so that the input image may be reproduced a maximum number of times on the output document; and

a printer for reproducing the input image on the output document the maximum number of times.

20. (New) The image forming system defined in claim 19, wherein the printer comprises at least one of the following image forming technologies: electrophotographic, electrostatographic, ionographic, acoustic, laser, or ink jet.